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ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.

High HEAVEN *by* GRACIOUS ENDS *directs the* STORM!

By his Excellency PATRICK HENRY, *junior, Governour or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia:*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the just war in which the United States of America have been forced by Great Britain is likely to be still continued by the same violence and animosity which have hitherto animated the enemies of American freedom, and wherein it becomes all persons to reverence the providence of GOD, and look up to him as the only disposer of all events, and the arbiter of the fate of nations: I do therefore, by and with the advice of the Privy Council, hereby appoint Friday the last day of February next to be observed as a day of solemn fasting and humiliation; that before Almighty GOD the forgiveness of the many sins prevailing among all ranks, and to beg the countenance and assistance of his providence in the prosecution of this just and necessary war. I do in the most earnest manner recommend to all the members of this state, and particularly to the officers civil and military, the exercise of repentance and amendment, and further, do require of all officers of the military department due observation of the articles of war established, and particularly that of the said articles which forbids profane swearing and all other immoralities, of which all such officers are desired to take notice. It is also particularly expected that the several ministers of the Gospel, of every denomination, do pay due obedience to this proclamation, and that they also preach a sermon suited to the occasion, at their several churches and places of publick worship.

GIVEN *under my hand, this 15th day of January, in the first year of the commonwealth, and in the year of our* LORD CHRIST 1777.

PATRICK HENRY, junior.

At a meeting of the committee for Henrico *county, on Monday the 6th day of* January, 1777.

AGREEABLE to an order of last committee, the several foreigners hereafter named appeared, and the oath of government being tendered to them, gave the following reasons why they would not take the same.

Doctor PETER STRACHAN refused to take the oath, not, as he said, because he was an enemy to the country, for that his dearest and nearest connexions were all natives of the same, and that he bore it the greatest goodwill, but his conscience did not permit him to give up his allegiance to his native sovereign.

WILLIAM HENDERSON refused to take the same, through a matter of conscience.

JAMES HENDERSON, GEORGE LINDSAY, and the rev. JAMES HERDSMAN, severally refused to take the oath.

ALEXANDER BUCHANAN refused to take the oath, considering himself a British subject.

[illegible] rey, Jon[illegible] said, that [illegible] subject [illegible], and a clergyman of [illegible] England, he thought it his indispensable duty to refuse the oath which was tendered him; and especially as, in his opinion, it was inconsistent with, and diametrically opposite to, the most sacred obligations he had lately come under to his native sovereign and state.

Doctor CATHRIE, considering himself exempted in [illegible] America by a late act of Assembly, refuseth to take the oath; and whatever other reasons he may have, thinks that alone sufficient for his refusal.

Doctor JAMES CURRIE refuseth to take the oath.

JOHN M'KEAND refuseth to take the oath; at the same time looks on himself as an American, but cannot take it on account of his connexion in Britain.

JAMES SWAIN refuseth to take the oath singularly, but has no objection to take it when offered generally.

JOHN CLARKE refuseth to take the oath, through a matter of conscience, but declares himself a friend to America.

JOHN RITCHIE refuseth to take the oath, being a native of Britain, and uncertain how soon he may leave this country.

Ordered, that the arms and ammunition of those who have refused to take the oath, agreeable to a resolution of Convention in May last, be delivered to John Wood to be appraised, and applied in the manner and for the purposes directed by the General Congress in their resolution of March the 14th 1776; and that Mr. Purdie be desired to print the above proceedings in the Virginia Gazette.

(*A copy*)

WILLIAM WHITE, clerk.

ESSEX, *January* 20, 1777.

A REPORT having been falsely and maliciously spread, that capt. Richard Banks, of Essex county, killed, or was the cause of the death of a sailor, belonging to a French vessel now lying in the harbour of Hobb's Hole, we, who were present at, and saw the whole transaction between capt. Banks and the sailor in question, think it incumbent on us, in justice to the character of capt. Banks, to certify, that we have been credibly informed, that four sailors belonging to the said vessel came to the house of capt. Banks on the night of Monday the 30th of December last, armed with clubs, broke open his doors, and otherwise grossly insulted him and his family, and that on the night following they returned and repeated their insults, when capt Banks, in consequence of directions from the Hon. Meriwether Smith, esq; and the officers and owners of the vessel, had them taken into custody. On this occasion we heard the deceased sailor assert to the face of capt. Banks, that he told a damned lie. This additional insult provoked capt. Banks to give the sailor a few blows in the face. These blows were such as, in our opinion, could by no means endanger his life; and we are all well assured, on the best information, that the man lived for several days after in a most riotous and disorderly manner, without discovering the least symptoms of a person injured in any of his vital parts by the blows he had received.

THOMAS ROANE.
W. ROANE.
JOHN SEAYRES.

ON Monday morning, the 6th of January, the day in which the unfortunate man above mentioned died, I was called to his assistance, and finding his complaint to be mortal, inquired particularly into the cause, and was informed by the patient, and the captain of the vessel, then present, that he received the injury from his companions (on the Friday night preceding) in a drunken frolick, and, from the nature of the case, I am well satisfied that was really the cause of his death.

JOHN BRECKENRIDGE.

TAPPAHANNOCK, *Jan* 20. 1777.

A writer in a late ENGLISH *paper concludes thus:*

IT is time to convince them [the Americans] that we are recovering our senses. Let us be wise, before it is too late; if not in time to preserve the empire from being rent asunder, yet so as to save it from being entirely destroyed. And, as the only means to rescue it from certain destruction, let us immediately procure the effectual removal of every Tory from the king's ear, and let the old staunch friends of the house of Hanover be firmly placed around the throne. As it is *now* impossible for any ministers to regain America, *without a conquest which must inevitably ruin us, in whatever light we consider it*, let us freely declare the truth to the Americans, by saying to them, that "the people of England were always their "friends, most heartily lament the cause "of their separation, reflect with horrour "on the blood that has been shed, and "detest, with them, the arbitrary, unfeeling monsters, who were the cause "of so many shocking murders; that they "would rejoice in bringing them to expiate "on Tower Hill, as the most acceptable "sacrifice that can be made to justice; "that as they now see it impossible, and "unavoidable, but that they must commence *separate empires*, they desire only "those commercial advantages, as *allies*, "which the Tories were offered by them, "as *subjects*; that in consequence of being "granted their exclusive trade, they joyfully withdraw their fleets and armies; "and as those who sprung from the same "common root, and hold the same common kindred, should be allied by the "ties of affection, as they are by those of "blood, the people of England guaranty "the independence of America, and conclude an alliance with the Americans, "against all the powers of the earth, offensive and defensive, for ever."

Here is a method of saving us at once, and it is as eaſy as it is efficacious. We cannot doubt but that the Americans would gladly and thankfully agree to theſe terms, not only as their country would be ſaved from all the horrours of war, and their liberty would be enſured to their utmoſt wiſh, but becauſe it would awaken in their hearts the *natural* affection for England, which nothing but the mutual murders committed in this odious civil war could for a moment have effaced from their remembrance.

The French and Spaniards would at once find themſelves baulked of that harveſt which they now ſee ſo temptingly ripening to enrich them, and ruin us. The Americans will not think themſelves indebted to *our enemies* for their independency; they will owe it to *Engliſh* generoſity and *Engliſh* affection, and we ſhall enjoy every advantage from America that we can deſire, and at the ſame time find our liberty preſerved from the danger attendant on the influence which miniſtry acquired by the government of ſuch a continent. We ſhould then have cauſe to rejoice in the ſeparation, becauſe we ſhould retain the great national benefits ariſing from the American commerce, and our miniſtry would loſe the power which they once poſſeſſed in America. So far from wiſhing to give them more power in America, we ſhould be happy in ſeeing them loſe what they poſſeſſed. We are not virtuous enough to be fit governours of ſuch a CONTINENT of FREEMEN. The more the American empire increaſes in riches and power, the greater will be the national benefits we ſhall receive from their trade; and whenever we are attacked by France or Spain, the fleets and armies of America will, as natural allies, be ready for our ſupport. Thus good will be deduced from evil, and an happy bleſſed end put immediately to our ſtrife.

BALTIMORE, *January* 21.

Congreſs has received the following intelligence from the army at Pluckemin, *in the ſtate of* New Jerſey, *Jan.* 5, 1777.

ON the 2d inſtant the enemy began to advance upon us at Trenton; and, after ſome ſkirmiſhing, the head of their column reached that place about 4 o'clock, whilſt their rear was as far back as Maidenhead. They attempted to paſs Sanpinck creek, which runs through Trenton, at different places; but finding the fords guarded, they halted, and kindled their fires. We were drawn up on the ſouth ſide of the creek. In this ſituation we remained till dark, cannonading the enemy, and receiving the fire of their field pieces, which did but little damage.

"At 12 o'clock, after renewing our fires, and leaving guards at the bridge in Trenton, and other paſſes, on the ſame ſtream above, we marched by a round-about road to Princeton. We found Princeton, about ſunriſe, with only three regiments, and three troops of light horſe in it, two of which were on their march to Trenton. Theſe three regiments, eſpecially the two firſt, made a gallant reſiſtance; and, if killed, wounded, and priſoners, muſt have loſt 500 men. Upwards of 100 of them were left dead on the field; and with thoſe carried on by the army, and ſuch as were taken in the purſuit, and carried acroſs the Delaware, there are near 300 priſoners, 14 of whom are officers, all Britiſh.

"Colonels Hazlet and Potter, capt. Neal, of the artillery, capt. Fleming, who commanded the firſt Virginia regiment, and four or five other valuable officers, with about 25 or 30 privates, were ſlain in the field. Our whole loſs cannot be aſcertained, as many who were in purſuit of the enemy, whom they chaſed three or four miles, are not yet come in. We burnt the enemy's hay, and deſtroyed ſuch other things as the occaſion would admit.

"From the beſt intelligence we have been able to get, the enemy were ſo much alarmed at the apprehenſion of loſing their ſtores at Brunſwick that they marched immediately thither from Trenton, without halting, and got there before day.

"The militia of the Jerſeys are taking ſpirit, and we hear coming in faſt."

MORRIS town, *Jan* 7, 1777.

"The enemy have totally evacuated Trenton and Princeton, and are now at Brunſwick, and the ſeveral poſts on the communication between that and Hudſon's river, but chiefly at Brunſwick. Their numbers and movements are variouſly reported, but all agree their force to be great. There have been two or three little ſkirmiſhes between their parties and ſome detachments of militia, in which the latter have been ſucceſsful, and made a few priſoners; the moſt conſiderable was on Sunday morning, near Springfield, when 40 Waldeckers were killed and wounded, and the remainder of the party, 390 men, made priſoners, with two officers, by a force not ſuperiour in number, and without receiving the leaſt damage."

Publiſhed by order of Congreſs.

CHARLES THOMPSON, *ſecretary.*

One day laſt week the corpſe of the gallant general MERCER, who finiſhed his glorious career a few days before in Jerſey, was brought to the city of Philadelphia, and on Thurſday the 16th inſtant his remains were added to "the ſable triumphs of the tomb," with the honours due to his merit, as a ſoldier, a patriot, and a friend to the rights of mankind. A numerous concourſe of people attended the awful ſolemnity. Their countenances ſtrongly expreſſed the grateful tenderneſs of their hearts; at the ſame time, it was obſervable that their affliction was intermixed with that kind of envy happily repreſented by the poet, in the following allegiack lines:

"Where we lament for patriotick fire,
"A glorious envy mingles with the tear;
"And tho' we weep, we ſecretly admire,
"And nobly grudge the glory of its bier."

The body of that accompliſhed gentleman, and honeſt North Briton, lay expoſed, for ſome time, to publick view at Philadelphia. It could not fail to excite the indignation of every perſon of honour and humanity to view the ſavage manner in which he was bruiſed and mangled, it being well proved that ſeveral of the ſtabs which he received were baſely given after he became a bleeding languiſhing priſoner. A nearly ſimilar fate attended other brave officers, no quarters being given by the enemy.

We are informed that this melancholy ſpectacle of the general's corpſe, which reared up in the minds of the beholders an everlaſting monument of Britiſh brutality, has wrought the full and ſincere converſion *of ſeveral, who formerly were adherents to the Britiſh intereſt.*

A letter from Philadelphia, dated the 17th inſtant, mentions, that general Johnſon from Maryland was then there with 1,500 troops.

We have certain intelligence that major general Heath, with a large body of troops from New England, was on the 9th inſtant on his march to Kingsbridge, which is about 14 miles from the city of New York.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Jan.* 31.

A GENTLEMAN in Fredericksburg writes: "No northward mail. Col. "Innis, juſt arrived from Philadelphia, "brings an account of the death of the "brave general MERCER, who was buried in that city with all the honours of "war."

The Northampton privateer, capt. Power, belonging to the Eaſtern Shore, has taken two prizes, one a ſhip from the Bay of Honduras, with mohogany, logwood, &c. and a ſloop, from the Miſſiſippi, with ſlaves and ſtrangles.

The brave col. RICHARD CASWELL, who effectually broke up the North Carolina inſurgents, is appointed governour of that ſtate, and arrived at Newbern the 13th inſtant, where he was received with all poſſible marks of diſtinction.

Lieut. BARTHOLOMEW YATES, of the firſt Virginia regiment, was killed in the late engagement between Princeton and Trenton, fighting bravely for his country. After having his thigh broke by a muſket ball, he was moſt cruelly cut and mangled by the Britiſh ſoldiers, notwithſtanding he repeatedly called for quarters, which was only returned with abuſive language from thoſe barbarous *bull dogs*, and thruſts of their bayonets.—Col. Rahl, the Heſſian commandant who was wounded at Trenton, and lately died of his wounds, declared, upon his death bed, that although the Engliſh had endeavoured to throw all the blame of the many rapes, murders, &c. upon his countrymen, yet that, to his certain knowledge, they were chiefly, if not altogether, perpetrated by their own officers and ſoldiers, to the eternal diſgrace of lord Howe, for ſuffering ſuch villainy to go unpuniſhed, to *his king*, for ſending him on ſo diaboliſh an expedition, and to the people of England, for being *ſuch fools* as to ſuffer *their king* to play the tyrant.

Deaths.] Mr. RICHARD GREGORY, of Glouceſter county, who was a kind huſband, an indulgent maſter, a worthy friend, and a good Chriſtian.

*** Our cuſtomers in and about Richmond will pleaſe to pay their balances to mr. *Gabriel Galt*, poſtmaſter there.

Mr. PURDIE,

WE have ſo often had reaſon to complain of the cruel treatment we have received from the Engliſh in the courſe of this war, and they have ſo often been compared to the ſavages they have ſtirred up againſt us on our frontiers, that we, who are well acquainted with this, are but little ſurpriſed at the accounts we daily receive of the inhuman and diaboliſh behaviour of both Heſſian and Engliſh troops in the Jerſeys; but let a full detail of it be publiſhed to the world, and ſee whether all Europe will not be ſhocked at the relation. Let general Waſhington ſhow the mangled bodies of the officers they have butchered; let him ſhow the good and brave general Mercer's corps to the officers now our priſoners; let their depoſitions be taken, deſcribing the many wounds he received when diſabled, and in fact a priſoner; and ſet them, with the depoſitions of parents and huſbands who ſaw their wives and daughters raviſhed, be publiſhed throughout the world, to expoſe the infernal tyrant and his troops to the deteſtation of mankind. But, let us not ſtop here; let the general cauſe all his priſoners to paſs before thoſe injured huſbands and parents, and if they can fix upon the offenders, let them be firſt caſtrated, and then hanged; and let it be ſolemnly declared, by a flag to general Howe, that if ſuch cruelties are exerciſed again, we will caſtrate every priſoner we have taken, and hereafter give no quarter, and will put to inſtant death all the Tories now amongſt us, whom we look upon as having had a great ſhare in bringing on us the miſeries we are now involved in.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

HANOVER, *Jan.* 29, 1777.

JUST *imported from* St. Euſtatia, *and to be ſold at publick auction before my ſtore, on ſaturday the* 15*th of* February, *for ready money, a quantity of* DUTCH HOLLAND *a few caſks of* GENEVA, *with ſeveral other articles.*

2| *RICHARD BURNLEY.*

[illegible] to the highest bidder for [illegible] on Friday the 18th of [illegible], at Osborne's, in Chesterfield.

[illegible] Two Brothers, with all her [illegible]. She is about 5 years old, burthen about 1500 bushels, and ready for the sea.

[illegible] BASS TANNER.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Goochland county, on Friday the 26th instant (January) a likely negro wench about 4 feet 8 or 10 inches high, who took with her a negro girl about 7 years old, that has some sores on her head. Whoever delivers them to me shall have 3l. reward.

ABRAHAM IVESON.

COMMITTED to Chesterfield jail on the 22d of this instant (January) a negro man who calls himself SOLOMON, appears to be about 20 years of age, is about 5 feet 4 inches high, says he belongs to Thomas Harris of Chesterfield county, and that he ran away from Thomas Bailey, an overseer in Goochland. The owner is desired to take him away, and pay charges to JOHN HARWOOD, jailer.

RAN away from the subscribers, living in Loudoun county, two convict servants, viz. Charles Farthing, an Englishman; he is a well set fellow, about 5 feet 5 inches high, has straight black hair, is pretty much pock marked, and when he eats one of his eyes works with his jaw; had on when he went away, a good felt hat, and a white linen ticking shirt of flax and tow, and old linsey jacket, and old blue cloth jacket without sleeves, an old tow shirt, a pair of linsey breeches patched on the seat with red, a pair of stockings of white and black twisted together, and a pair of shoes half worn tied with strings. William Hitchcock, an Englishman, about 6 feet high, well set, has light hair, a scar on his cheek, supposed to be done by the kick of a horse, had on an old felt hat, a tow hunting shirt, an under jacket, part linsey and part cloth, a pair of tow trousers, a pair of stockings black and white mixed, and an old pair of shoes much worn. Any person who will secure the said servants, so that the owners may have them again, shall have FIVE POUNDS reward for each, to be paid by

ABRAHAM LEWIS.
JOSEPH LEWIS.

STRAYED from the subscriber in Buckingham, about the middle of April last, a young black mare two years old, very gentle, was not dockt, but branded on the near jaw, shoulder, and buttock, O. Whoever gives me such intelligence as I may get her again shall have 20s. reward, besides what the law allows.

JOHN BERNARD.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber, in Williamsburg, a rusty black horse about 13 hands high, 9 or 10 years old, with a short switch tail, his mane hanging on both sides of his neck, has a good many saddle spots, and is shod all round. Whoever gives me such intelligence as I may get him again shall have 10s. reward, and if stolen 5l. on conviction of the thief.

PATRICK ROBERTSON.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber in Stafford county, about the [illegible] last, a dark bay mare about 14 [illegible] hands high, 5 years old, a natural [illegible], has a star in her forehead, and is [illegible] on her buttock PH. Whoever brings the said mare to me, or gives [illegible] I may get her again, [illegible] FOUR DOLLARS reward.

JOHN WALLER.

to be SOLD at Jordan's, in Prince George, on Monday the 17th of February, for ready money,

ALL the personal estate of Richard Bland, esqr deceased, consisting of 30 very fine NEGROES, horses, mares, and colts, 100 sheep, 100 cattle, 56 hogs, beds and furniture, double refined sugar, tea, coffee, flax seed and cotton, flax seed and cotton do. flax wheels and cotton do. wool and cotton cards, sago, a library of books, smith's tools, a new chariot, riding chairs, heckles, a parcel of mahogany, a cutting box, scythes, leather and raw hides, all kinds of kitchen furniture, &c. &c.

RICHARD BLAND, adm.

SUFFOLK, Jan. 21, 1777.

A SINGLE person, who is capable of taking charge of a BAR, and can come well recommended, will meet with an easy birth, and good encouragement, by immediate application to the subscriber.

THOMAS LANGSTON.

[illegible], on Monday the 10th of February, at the plantation of the late Andrew Anderson, deceased, in New Kent county,

ALL the personal estate of the deceased, consisting of a variety of household and kitchen furniture, particularly good beds, a number of fine cotton and wool cards, &c. and a likely young NEGRO CARPENTER; also the stock of cattle (amongst which there are two yoke of draught steers) sheep and hogs, corn, fodder, and tobacco. Six months credit will be allowed for sums above 5l. the purchasers giving bond and approved security; the bonds to bear interest from the date, if not punctually paid.---The debtors to the estate are requested to be speedy in payment, and the creditors to make known their demands; and as the difficulty of the times may in some measure prevent so speedy a settlement of the estate as might be wished, it is hoped the creditors will be as indulgent as possible.

(2) RO. ANDERSON, adm.

*** Any persons having books belonging to the deceased are desired to return them, particularly mrs. Macaulay's history of England, 4 vols.

HOBB'S HOLE, January 17, 1777.

AS I have declined the practice of physick, I will offer for sale upon the 17th of February next (being Essex court day) three lots in this town, on which is a brick dwelling house having six fire rooms, two cellars, and closets, with all necessary outhouses. It is an excellent situation for a practitioner in physick or merchant. A part of the money must be paid in April next, and a reasonable credit will be allowed for the balance, on giving bond with approved security, to carry interest from the date, if not punctually discharged. All persons indebted to the subscriber are requested to make immediate payment to

MOORE FAUNTLEROY.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber near Suffolk, September 24, 1776, two horses, viz. A sorrel, about 4 feet 7 inches high, about 6 years old, with hanging mane and switch tail, has a small white streak in his forehead about two inches long and half an inch wide, in a circular form, and paces and trots remarkably slow. A white, about 4 feet 9 inches high, 15 years old, with hanging mane and switch tail, trots and gallops, but has no brand perceivable. Whoever brings the said horses to me, or gives such intelligence as I get them again, shall have 3l. reward for each.

ROBERT M. RIDDICK.

N. B. The above horses are supposed to be stolen by some deserters from the 4th regiment.

FOUND on the road from Osborne's to Petersburg, on Thursday the 16th instant, a red Morocco leather pocket book, with a parcel of money in it. Whoever has lost it may have it again, by applying to me at Manchester.

2‖ T. BURSAMEN.

NEWCASTLE, Jan. 28 1777.

THE subscriber continues to keep public house at the sign of Two Sycamore Trees, where there will be good entertainment for man and horse.

‖ BENNETT WHITE.

ANY single man who will come well recommended as a WAGGONER will meet with very good encouragement from the subscriber living in Spotsylvania, near Holladay's ordinary.

WILLIAM FITTS.

ISLE of WIGHT, Jan. 7, 1777.

Mr. PURDIE.

THE subscriber hired last year to one Joseph Harris, a waggoner to the [illegible] regiment, which was then stationed at Williamsburg, a negro man called CHARLES, by trade a blacksmith; and as the said Harris hath since removed to some place unknown, and the time of the negro's hire expired the last day of December, but he hath not yet appeared, nor can I be informed where to inquire after or apply for the fellow, I should be glad through the channel of your paper, to inform mr. Harris, that if he does not return the fellow immediately, together with his hire last year, I shall prosecute him with the utmost rigour, and I shall be extremely obliged to any person who will give me such intelligence as may be necessary to my regaining the possession of the fellow, and where I can find the said Harris.

2‖ THOMAS FIVEASH.

ZACHARIAH BURNLEY, of Orange county, has two very good STILLS for sale, almost new, which contain 50 gallons each, and are well calculated for distilling whiskey.

WILLIAMSBURG, Jan. 8, 1777.

WANTED immediately, three or four SHOP JOINERS, also twelve NEGRO CARPENTERS for five or seven months, for which a good price will be given by

FRANCIS JARA[illegible].

N. B. Any person who has WHITE OAK TREES to dispose of, near this city may apply as above.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN away from the subscriber, on the 18th instant, JOHN WILSON, a waggoner, an Englishman born, about 30 years of age, 6 feet high, and stoops in walks; had on when he went away an old blue great coat, a round white hat, buckskin breeches, and cotton gambadoes. Whoever apprehends the said servant, and delivers him to me in Williamsburg, shall, if taken up 20 miles from home, have FIVE DOLLARS, and the above reward if at a greater distance.

GABRIEL MAUPIN.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

STOLEN out of mr. Lawrence [illegible] pasture, on Sunday the 19th of this instant (January) a sorrel horse about [illegible] hands and a half high, with a blaze face, a wall eye, flaxen mane and very long tail, had been shod all round, his hind feet white, but has no other mark that I can recollect. I suspect he is rode off by a deserter, who may probably [illegible] trim him to prevent a discovery. Whoever delivers the said horse to me, in Williamsburg, shall have the above reward, and on conviction of the thief so [illegible]

JOHN ROW[illegible]

*** BORAX to be sold by the [illegible]

JANUARY 23, 1777.

THE Commissioners of the Navy are in want of a large quantity of PINE and OAK PLANK, for the purpose of ship-building. Any person or persons inclinable to contract for a quantity of that article are desired to attend the Navy Board at *Williamsburg*, on *Wednesday* the 5th of *February* next. (2)

THOMAS WHITING, 1st commiss.

MR. *James Roscow*, in advertising his lands for sale, having omitted to mention, that two of those tracts, called *Stanley Hundred* and *Blunt Point*, were sold to me for his life, it becomes necessary to inform those inclined to purchase of these lands, with which they may be more fully informed upon application to

CARTER BRAXTON.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

STOLEN out of my waggon, 15 miles above *Albemarle* courthouse, in the night between the 16th and 17th of *December* last, a large dark bay (or rather brown) horse, about five years old, 15 hands high, with a bald face, three white feet, mane half roached, a short tail, with some few white hairs about it, one small saddle spot, and branded [illegible]. The thief is supposed to be gone towards *Pennsylvania* or *South Carolina*, possibly may have traded away the horse. Whoever gives such intelligence that said horse may be got again, to *Thompson Matthews*, at *Staunton*, or to the subscriber on *Carr's* creek, *Augusta* county, shall have 30 dollars, and the above reward on conviction of the thief.

JAMES M'KEE.

STRAYED or STOLEN from my plantation near *Poplar Spring* church, in *Sussex* county, the 26th of *November* last, a chestnut sorrel mare with a blaze face, her mane about half cut off, and her tail rubbed all round; she is about 12 hands and a half high, has a bob tail, but no other perceivable. I will give 20*l.* to any person that will inform me of the mare so that I may get her again, or 5*l.* on conviction of the thief (if stolen) so as to be brought to condign punishment.

LEWIS WOOD.

STRAYED from the subscriber, near the Bowling Green in Caroline county, the [illegible] of October last, a black mare about 4 years old, 14 inches high, not branded, her fore feet white on the left side, has a star in her forehead, and a white mark under her belly near her head, supposed to be cut by the rope, paces slow, and was heavy loaded when she went away. Any person that will give intelligence so as I may get her again shall have 30*s.* reward.

RICHARD WOOLFOLK.

STRAYED from the subscriber in *Williamsburg*, some time last spring, two cows, the one a black, marked with a crop and underkeel in each ear, and has the end of one of her horns sawed off; the other red, with some white under her belly, her mark forgot, and had an iron chain about her neck with a bell and lock. Also 16 or 17 sheep, the greatest part of which I presume have gone towards mrs. [illegible]'s, near *Cowles's* ferry, as I purchased them there; some of them are marked with a crop, slit, and underkeel, in each ear, and are painted red on their back and hinds. The others probably have gone towards *Jamestown*, as I purchased them on the south side of *James* river; their marks forgot, I will give 10*s.* reward for each of the cows, and three dollars for the sheep, or in proportion for any part of the sheep, on such information as I may get them again.

JOHN JARAM.

RUN away from the subscriber, the 17th day of *December* 1776, an apprentice boy named JOHN BAILEY, about 5 feet high, well set, of a dark complexion, and has brown hair; had on when he went away a white drab jacket, an under waistcoat of brown cloth, long canvas trousers, and a round sailor's hat. This is to forewarn all persons from harbouring the said boy, or carrying him out of the country without my consent. I suspect him being lurking about *Hampton*, as he was born there. Any person that can catch the said boy may bring him to *Milner's*, in *Nansemond* county, where they will be paid by

THOMAS ROBERTS.

KING WILLIAM, *Jan.* 1st, 1777.

BY virtue of a late act of the General Assembly of this state, I have it now in my power to do that justice to my creditors which has been always my wish. I therefore propose selling the following TRACTS of LAND in *Warwick* county, *viz. Stanley Hundred*, containing [illegible] acres, the fertility thereof equal to most land in the lower parts of the country; it is an excellent range for stock, convenient to fish and oysters, and to navigation. A tract of about 1000 acres lying upon [illegible] creek, which is good lively land, and well adapted to farming. *Blunt Point*, containing about 1000 acres, on which is a very good two story brick house with four rooms on a floor, pleasantly situated on the river, a brick kitchen with two rooms above, a large stable, coach house, &c. For terms inquire of the subscriber, who intends for *England* as soon as he can settle his affairs.

2*l*. JAMES ROSCOW.

PRESTWOULD, *Mecklenburg* county, *Jan.* 5, 1777.

I HAVE *for sale* 125 *STALLED BEEVES, many of them very fine, and* 75 *or* 100 *very fat MUTTONS, that I would sell on reasonable terms, if received by the purchaser where I live. I have also for sale* 60 *hhds. of choice TOBACCO, made on very rich fresh land, that I could deliver in a short time at any publick landing on* James *river.*

PEYTON SKIPWITH.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD

FOR apprehending, and confining in any publick jail, *ROBIN*, a likely negro man, very black, about 28 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, slim, sensible, and active, well acquainted in *Norfolk* and *York*, had on a blue short waistcoat, *Russia* drill breeches, and has sundry other clothes, is under sentence of death for robbing and burning a house, but broke out of *King William* jail the night before he was to have been executed, to wit, the 7th of *November* last. He belonged to mr. *James Wallace Bayley* of *Hampton*, and has been seen in that neighbourhood. He may endeavour to conceal himself about *Kemp's* landing, where he has a sister (who belongs to mr. *Greenwood*) or about *Petersburg*, where he has other relations; he is very sober, but deceiving, and may offer himself as a waiter or hostler, in case he should attempt to pass for a freeman. Whoever may apprehend the said negro will be pleased to give me immediate information thereof, and besides the above reward shall be satisfied for any expense or trouble in giving me notice. I particularly request, that in whatever jail he may be committed to he may be well secured.

JOHN HILL, sheriff of *K. Wm.*

*** Forty shillings will be paid for apprehending and delivering the above mentioned negro to the sheriff of *King William*, by

JAMES W. BAYLEY.

To be SOLD *for ready money, on Monday the* 10*th of* February, *at James City courthouse, being court day,*

THREE likely *Virginia* born NEGROES belonging to the estate of *Turner Henley*, deceased.

[redacted]UDLEY RICHARDSON, exc.

PORT NORFOLK,

ELIZABETH RIVER DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given to all masters and owners of vessels, and others whom it may concern, that the naval office for this district is now open in the town of *Portsmouth*, where constant attendance will be given by mr. *William Armistead Bailey*, whom I have appointed my deputy, and is qualified to act as deputy in the said office according to law.

JOHN KING, naval officer.

A VALUABLE negro *BLACKSMITH* to hire. Inquire of mr. *Starkey Robinson*, at the *Halfway House*, or

AUGUSTINE MOORE.

I HAVE for sale a valuable plantation, on *Nottoway* river, adjacent to *Freeman's* bridge, about 500 acres, whereon is a dwelling-house, with two rooms below and two above, with a passage on each floor underpinned and brick chimnies, and a cellar under the whole, a kitchen and laundry, with a shelter in the front the length of the whole building underpinned, and a stack of chimnies in the middle, with most other houses for a family, also an excellent orchard of the best *Hughes's* crab and other fruits. It is the plantation that *Hartwell Marrable*, deceased, resided on. One fourth part of the consideration to be paid at the expiration of the first year, and the residue at three equal annual payments afterwards, with interest upon the whole from the time possession is given. For further particulars apply to col. *Herbert Claiborne* in *King William*, mr. *William Claiborne* at *Freeman's* bridge, or to the subscriber in *Sussex*.

(f) AUGUSTINE CLAIBORNE.

RICHMOND county, *Jan.* 10, 1776.

THOSE marines who have not received their pay up to the 8th instant are desired to apply to me for the same. I have in my possession a sum of money due the estate of mr. *William Stevens*, a marine who was drowned last fall from on board the *Henry* galley. Any person who is heir to said deceased may have it by applying to

JOHN C. COCKE.

For SALE,

THE schooner *BETSEY*, five years old, built at *Boston*, as she now lies ashore near *Pig Point*, the mouth of *Nansemond* river, with her sails, rigging, cables, anchors, masts, yards, and all other materials. She is 56 feet keel, 22 feet beam, seven feet and a half in the hold, and carries 800 barrels of flour. Her materials may be seen at mr. *M Koy's* in *Nansemond*, and any person inclining to purchase may know the conditions by applying to the subscriber at *Fredericksburg*.

N. B. Any carpenter, or others, that would undertake to get the said schooner off, shall receive from the subscriber 120*l.* as soon as she is afloat.

4*l*. ELIEZER CALLENDER.

STRAYED or STOLEN from mr. *Gabriel Maupin's*, in *Williamsburg*, the 21st of *December* last, a large bay mare about 14 hands high, with hanging mane and switch tail, not branded that I remember, and if not stolen would probably make to *Jamestown*. Whoever delivers the said mare to mr. *Maupin*, or to me in *Sussex*, shall be handsomely rewarded.

JOHN CREAGH.

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